

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 4326
OFFERED BY MRS. WAGNER OF MISSOURI**

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

2 This Act may be cited as the “Sex Trafficking De-
3 mand Reduction Act”.

4 SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

5 Congress finds the following:

6 (1) It has been the longstanding position and
7 commitment of the United States to reduce the de-
8 mand for victims of severe forms of trafficking in
9 persons. There is also a wide international consensus
10 on the necessity of demand reduction in order to
11 prevent human trafficking.

12 (2) The United Nations Protocol to Prevent,
13 Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Espe-
14 cially Women and Children, Supplementing the
15 United Nations Convention Against Transnational
16 Organized Crime of 2000 (also referred to as the
17 “Palermo Protocol(s)”) expressly addresses the re-

1 requirement that nations make serious efforts to re-
2 duce demand for trafficked persons.

3 (3) Article 9 of the Palermo Protocols, address-
4 ing prevention of human trafficking, specifically di-
5 rects that, “States Parties shall adopt or strengthen
6 legislative or other measures, such as educational,
7 social or cultural measures, including through bilat-
8 eral and multilateral cooperation, to discourage the
9 demand that fosters all forms of exploitation of per-
10 sons, especially women and children, that leads to
11 trafficking.”.

12 (4) The United Nations Protocol, the Europe
13 Convention on Action against Human Trafficking,
14 and the 2011 European Union Directive of the Eu-
15 ropean Parliament and the Council on preventing
16 and combating trafficking in human beings also spe-
17 cifically address the need to prevent human traf-
18 ficking by discouraging or reducing demand that fos-
19 ters all forms of exploitation of persons.

1 **SEC. 3. AMENDMENT RELATING TO DETERMINATIONS**
2 **WITH RESPECT TO EFFORTS OF FOREIGN**
3 **COUNTRIES TO ADOPT EDUCATIONAL MEAS-**
4 **URES TO REDUCE DEMAND FOR TRAF-**
5 **FICKING VICTIMS UNDER THE MINIMUM**
6 **STANDARDS FOR THE ELIMINATION OF TRAF-**
7 **FICKING.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Paragraph (12) of section 108(b)
9 of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (22
10 U.S.C. 7106(b)) is amended to read as follows:

11 “(12) Whether the government of the country
12 has made serious and sustained efforts to—

13 “(A) reduce the demand for commercial
14 sex acts;

15 “(B) reduce the demand for participation
16 in international sex tourism by nationals of the
17 country; and

18 “(C) adopt educational measures to dis-
19 courage the demand that fosters severe forms of
20 trafficking in persons.”.

21 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
22 subsection (a) takes effect on the date of the enactment
23 of this Act and applies with respect to determinations
24 under subsection (a)(4) of section 108 of the Trafficking

- 1 Victims Protection Act of 2000 that are made on or after
- 2 such date of enactment.

